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SUBJECT: PERUVIAN GENERAL TO VISIT WASHINGTON TO DISCUSS FMS

DOD FOR SECDEF, JCS, ISA, DSAA, DIA, DA/DAMI-FL

1. DIV. GEN EDUARDO DEL ROSARIO TODAY INFORMED MAAG THAT PRIME MINISTER MERCADO HAS ORDERED HIM TO WASHINGTON AS REPRESENTATIVE OF MINWAR AND GOP "TO CARRY OUT FINAL COORDINATION WITH USG ON ACQUISITION OF MATERIEL THROUGH FMS." DEL ROSARIO PLANS DEPART LIMA AUGUST 22.

2. DURING MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR ON AUGUST 15, AT WHICH PERU DESK OFFICER FRECHETTE PRESENT, DEL ROSARIO HAD PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED GOP PORPOSAL TO SEND HIM TO WASHINGTON IN CONNECTION WITH PERUVIAN ARMY PROCUREMENT PLANS. AMBASSADOR DISCOURAGED TRIP AT THIS TIME CITING UNCERTAIN STATUS OF SECURITY ASSISTANCE LEGISLATION AND FMS CREDIT LEVELS. IT WAS SUGGESTED TRIP AT LATER DATE MIGHT BE MORE PRODUCTIVE IN TERMS OF MAKING ANY DEFINITIVE FMS CASH OR CREDIT ARRANGEMENTS.

3. WE UNDERSTAND DEL ROSARIO DOES NOT REPEAT NOT REGARD PURPOSE OF HIS TRIP AS EXAMINATION OF EQUIPMENT ON PERUVIAN ARMY WANT LIST BUT RATHER AS OPPORTUNITY HOLD DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON WITH STATE AND DEFENSE OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH FMS PROCUREMENT.

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4. RESPONDING TO REQUEST BY GEN. DEL ROSARIO AND AS AUTHORIZED BY USCINCSO, LTC GEORGE TALBOT OF MAAG TRAVELING TO WASHINGTON TO BE PRESENT AT DEL ROSARIO'S WASHINGTON MEETINGS. ANTICIPATE MEETINGS WILL COMMENCE MONDAY, AUGUST 27.
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